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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on January 11, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the abovementioned supplemental reply fails to appropriately address the examiner's previous rejection of apparatus claims 9 through 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, regarding clarity and descriptive requirements as to which particular STRUCTURES or MATERIALS or EQUIVALENTS THEREOF (i.e., equivalent STRUCTURES or MATERIALS) correspond to the various means-plus-function limitations in the claims listed in section 6 on page 4 and in the second paragraph of section 9 on page 6 of the Office action mailed on June 27, 2006. To be fully compliant, applicant's reply MUST specify which STRUCTURES or MATERIALS or equivalents thereof correspond to EACH of the listed means-plus-function limitations; applicant's reply instead refers to method steps, which fails to meet the requirements under 35 U.S.C. 112, first and second paragraphs, which must be met when using means-plus-function language under 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, in patent application claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric whose telephone number is 571-272-4909. The examiner works a flexible schedule, but can normally be reached weekdays between 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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